

**MINUTES OF THE EMERALD COAST UTILITIES AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING
HELD THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2017 AT 1:45 P.M. IN THE ECUA BOARD
ROOM AT 9255 STURDEVANT STREET, ELLYSON INDUSTRIAL PARK,
PENSACOLA, FL**

Members present: Lois Benson, Chairman
Dale Perkins, Vice Chairman
Vicki Campbell
Elvin McCorvey
Larry Walker

Counsel present: Bradley S. Odom

Staff present: Stephen E. Sorrell, Executive Director
Nathalie Bowers, Public Information Officer
Daniel Corliss, Assistant Director of Water Production
John Daane, Director of Information Technology
Tim Haag, Director of Government Affairs
Sharon Harrell, Executive Assistant
Linda Iversen, Executive Assistant to the Board
Bill Johnson, Director of Engineering
Brian Reid, Assistant Director of Regional Services
Jim Roberts, Public Information Officer
Patty Sheldon, Director of Finance
Justin Smith, Assistant Director of Finance
Cindy Sutherland, Director of Human Resources and
Administrative Services

ITEM 1 – INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Prior to calling the organizational meeting of the Board to order, Elvin McCorvey provided the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 2 – CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Benson called the regular meeting of the Emerald Coast Utilities Authority Board to order at approximately 1:49 p.m.

ITEM 3 – ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. McCorvey, seconded by Dr. Walker, to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

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ITEM 4 - ORGANIZATION OF BOARD:

Chairman Benson relinquished the chair to Executive Director Sorrell to proceed with conducting the meeting through the election of Board Chairman. Once the election of the Board Chairman concluded, Mr. Sorrell returned the chair to the Chairman.

(a) Election of Board Chairman

Ms. Campbell nominated Ms. Benson for the Board Chairmanship.

Dr. Walker nominated Mr. McCorvey for the Board Chairmanship.

Voting ballots were distributed to members and the votes tallied. Ms. Benson was elected Board Chairman with three votes.

(b) Election of Board Vice Chairman

Ms. Campbell nominated Mr. Perkins for the Board Vice Chairmanship. There were no further nominations and Mr. Perkins was unanimously elected as Board Vice Chairman.

(c) Election of Committee Chairman

Mr. McCorvey nominated Dr. Walker for the Committee Chairmanship.

Mr. Perkins nominated Ms. Campbell for the Committee Chairmanship.

Voting ballots were distributed to members and the votes tallied. Ms. Campbell was elected as Committee Chairman with four votes.

(d) Election of Committee Vice Chairman

Ms. Campbell nominated Dr. Walker for the Committee Vice Chairmanship. There were no further nominations and Dr. Walker was unanimously elected as the Committee Vice Chairman.

(e) Appointment and approval of members to the Citizens' Advisory Committee

Ms. Campbell reappointed Ms. Debra Benn and the appointment was unanimously approved.

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Dr. Walker appointed Mr. Paul W. Frederick and the appointment was unanimously approved.

Chairman Benson reappointed Mr. Randy Ponson and the appointment was unanimously approved.

Mr. Perkins reappointed Ms. Louise Ritz and the appointment was unanimously approved.

Mr. McCorvey reappointed Ms. Catherine Booker and the appointment was unanimously approved.

Ms. Pueschel Schneier, 414 N. Guillemard Street, Pensacola, FL, addressed the Board expressing her appreciation for consideration for appointment to the Committee, outlining her background and experience.

Mr. Perkins nominated Mr. Chuck Kimball for reappointment as an at-large member.

Mr. McCorvey nominated Ms. Pueschel Schneier for appointment as an at-large member.

Dr. Walker nominated Mr. Mike Steltenkamp for reappointment as an at-large member.

Voting ballots were distributed to members and the votes tallied. Messrs. Kimball and Steltenkamp were reappointed as the at-large members.

(f) Approval of staff advisor to the Citizens' Advisory Committee

A motion was made by Dr. Walker, and seconded, to approve Executive Director Stephen E. Sorrell to serve as the staff advisor to the Citizens' Advisory Committee. Motion carried 5-0.

(g) Appointment of Parliamentarian

A motion was made by Mr. Perkins, seconded by Ms. Campbell, to appoint Mr. Bradley S. Odom to serve as the Parliamentarian. Motion carried 5-0.

(h) Adoption of schedule of regular Board meetings for 2018

A motion was made by Mr. Perkins, seconded by Mr. McCorvey, to set the meeting time for ECUA Board meetings to 3:00 p.m.

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A motion was made by Dr. Walker, seconded by Mr. McCorvey, to amend the motion to reevaluate the meeting time in four months.

After further discussion, Dr. Walker withdrew his amendment, as did the maker of the second.

Mr. Odom asked if the motion that was made included approval of the annual calendar as well as the time change, pointing out that the calendar presented identified the 2018 Organizational meeting being scheduled for 1:45 p.m.

Mr. Perkins stated that his motion includes the calendar as presented with the change to conduct the 2018 Organizational at 2:45 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

ITEM 5 - OPEN FORUM

There were no comments from the audience.

ITEM 6 - ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the organizational meeting of the Emerald Coast Utilities Authority Board, Chairman Benson declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen E. Sorrell
Executive Director and
Secretary

**APPROVED BY THE ECUA BOARD
IN REGULAR SESSION ON 12/14/17.**

- (X) Without corrections/amendments.
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